

Terrell County Independent School District

Sanderson, Texas 79848

Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2024, Board Meeting

The Terrell County Independent School District convened for the regular meeting on Wednesday, June 19, at 7:00 P.M., in the conference room at the Sanderson High School, 302 North Second Street, Sanderson, Texas.

Trustees Present:

Mr. Jon Tom Lowrance

Mrs. Lali Ortiz

Mr. Clay Houston

Mr. Chris Case

Marco Fuentez (arrived at 7:10)

Administration and TCISD Staff Present: Tanna Lowrance, Superintendent, Justin Hilliard, Athletic Director, Blain Chriesman, Chief Financial Officer, Tami Carrasco, John Burgess, David Carrasco, IT, Gina Roberts

Community Members:

Angela Duperrault, Nancy Henderson, Emma Carrasco

Regular Meeting

A quorum was established with Mrs. Ortiz presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. The pledges were said, and a moment of silence was observed.

Public Comments/Audience Participation TCISD Policy BED (LOCAL) pursuant to Gov't Code §551.007:

Angela Duperrault again addressed the board stating her concerns regarding the district's decision to not have pre-k for the 2024-2025 school year.

Student Recognitions:

Emma Carrasco was recognized as the 2024 Valedictorian and for her participation at the State UIL meet.

District Reports:

- a. Yearbook Update: Mrs. Gina Roberts reported the 23-24 yearbook had \$1537 in ad sales and she is currently working on the 23-24, 22-23, and 21-22 yearbooks
- b. Technology Report: Mr. David Carrasco reported out of 60 student chrome books he had determined 12 to be damaged by students with 2 still being under warranty. He will send out bills to students / parents on Monday June 24, 2024. The computer security system is working well. VGI still has some door hardware to install and repair to the security camera on the exterior corner of the new gym. He is currently working to take down old promethean boards, put together new tables for the HS computer lab, and install new clever touch boards. Clever Touch training for teachers and staff is scheduled for August 6th. Mr. Carrasco expressed the need to order new computers for the HS lab. He reported that he is working on the website but the training takes time.
- c. Athletic Director Report: Coach Hilliard reported that week four of off season workouts had 26 students on the high end, 10 on the low end with 16 being the average for evening workouts. The fieldhouse is open 4 days per week for JH and HS students to workout. New HS pe clothes have been ordered. Coach Hilliard reduced the amount of games and travel on the HS football

schedule at Mrs. Lowrance's request. Cross Country will also be reduced to a maximum of 5 pre-district cross country meets and the farthest will be eliminated, also at the request of Mrs. Lowrance. Coach Garza is currently working on the new schedule. Also, to help reduce the cost of athletics, Coach Hilliard eliminated one basketball tournament. He informed the board he will work diligently during the 24-25 school year to ensure each sport stays within their budgets.

- d. Counselor's Report: Mrs. Virginia Garza reported the new STAAR scores (see attached). She reported that our students scored above the district and state average across the board. She is working to update the Course Catalog and more HS students are wanting to take the TSI. The 2024 graduating class received a total of \$43,650 in scholarships with more coming in after graduation. Mrs. Garza was proud to announce that TCISD will partner with ACCESS out of Pecos to help our students with needs and presentations related, but not limited to, job interviews, resumes, ets. The HS students will attend a Career Fair sponsored by ACCESS in Alpine on October 2, 2024.

e. Financial Report- Mr. Chriesman reported on (see attached) the list of bills and monthly financial report. He reported the budget amendments and our property value is looking better than the May projection.

f. Superintendent's Report – Mrs. Lowrance reported the district was awarded a Safety Grant II of \$120,000. Mrs. Lowrance has completed IPM Coordinator Training and all coaches have completed their CDL certifications. All staff who transport students are now current on their bus driver training. Coach Hilliard will complete the bus driver training as well. The custodial and maintenance staff have been working hard to finish painting the cafeteria, paint Mrs. Carrasco's room, summer deep cleaning, relocation of unneeded furniture to the old elementary, and organization of items for the online auction. We currently have one staff member renting a two-bedroom apartment due to tornado damage to their home. The district is waiting on the adjustor to evaluate all roofs to determine if we have damage from the tornado. No other tornado damage has been reported / observed. Mrs. Salazar and Mr. Saddleback taught summer school to students needing credit recovery and tutoring. They worked hard on reading and math skills and have completed summer school hours. The Ultra Coachliner is two down on the list. We were hoping to get it delivered early, but National Bus sales says the original wait time of 8-10 months is still the target date. The engineer has completed the drawings for the classroom wall addition and the slab, however the slab needed some change orders and we are waiting on the new drawings. We will complete our Texas School Safety Training during a board workshop on July 10 at 6:45. TASB, Carolyn Austin , will be at the district to conduct a thorough policy review on July 9th.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes from the rRegular Board Meeting on May 15, 2024 and Budget Amendments as presented were approved with a motion from Mr. Houston and a second by Mr. Lowrance. The motion was approved 4-0. Mr. Rivera and Mr. Fuentez abstained from the vote.

Action Items:

- a. Discussion and Possible Ratification of TEKS Certification 2024–2025
Mr. Houston motioned to approve the TEKS Certification 2024-2025 with Mr. Fuentez making the second. The motion passed 6-0.
- b. Discussion and Possible Approval of Calendar Updates for 2024-2025
Mr. Houston motioned to approve the Calendar updates for the 2024-2025 school year and Mr. Rivra seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.
- c. Discussion and Possible Approval of updated board goals. **No action was taken.**
- d. Discussion and Possible Approval to authorize superintendent to approve the VGI door quote
Mr. Houston made a motion to approve the Superintendent to approve the VGI door quote with a second from Mr. Rivera. The motion passed 6-0.

- e. Discussion and Possible Approval to authorize the superintendent to approve the audio visual quote for a new sound system and projector system for the auditorium
No action was taken.
- f. Discussion and Possible Approval of authorizing the superintendent to approve the new lighting for the school library
Mr. Houston made the motion to approve the Superintendent to approve the new lighting for the school library with Mr. Fuentez seconding the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- g. Discussion and Possible Approval to send out for bid the work to be done on the slab at the football field once engineer drawings are complete
Mr. Fuentez made the motion with Mr. Case making the second to approve the superintendent to put out for bid the work to be done on the slab at the football field pending completed engineer drawings. The motion carried 6-0.
- h. Discussion and Possible Approval to approve the superintendent to authorize the new fencing quote for the playground
Mr. Houston made a motion with Mr. Rivera making a second to approve the superintendent to authorize the new fencing quote for the playground . The motion carried 6-0.
- i. Discussion and possible approval to move forward with the sell of real property: Fisher House
Mr. Rivera made the motion to move forward with the sell of the Fisher House with Mr. Houston making a second. The motion passed 6-0.
- j. Discussion and possible approval of the superintendent to sell of unneeded school busses / vehicles
Mr. Houston made the motion with Mr. Case making the second for the superintendent to sell unneeded school buses / vehicles . The motion carried 6-0

The Board took a break at 9:10 pm and entered into Executive session at 9:16 pm.

Executive Session:

Pursuant to Texas Governmental Code §551, the Board retired to closed session at 8:12 P.M., for discussion of the items listed below.

- a. Resignations
- b. Retirements
- c. Reassignments / New Hires

At 9:53 P.M., the Board returned to an open meeting.


Action Items:

No action was taken.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Mr. Case and seconded by Mr. Lowrance to adjourn the meeting. The adjournment was unanimously approved 6-0.

Mrs. Ortiz adjourned the meeting at 9:53 pm.

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Mrs. Lali Ortiz
President

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Mr. Fernando Sanchez
Secretary